

**COMMUNITY PLANNING SESSION  
DECEMBER 19, 2005**

**HOPES**

1. New housing
2. Uptown small independent business community
3. Develop transportation, particularly trains
4. Family-friendly
5. New businesses, particularly manufacturing
6. Keeping Butte sustainable for future generations
7. Expansion of existing businesses, especially mining and distribution
8. Expanded retail opportunities
9. Develop vision for Southwest Montana
10. Consolidated fundraising efforts
11. Continue and expand beautification effort
12. Make Butte a destination
13. Develop aggressive working relationship between Montana Tech and Butte-Silver Bow
14. Re-evaluate the Historic District
15. Strengthen cultural assets such as the Motherlode Theater, the Arts Foundation, and the Public Library
16. Address pine beetle epidemic on the East Ridge
17. Strengthen infrastructure for future growth (i.e. Metro Sewer)
18. Develop, grow, and market Montana Tech
19. Fight for change together, not with each other
20. Inspire the youth in our community
21. Focus and work on playgrounds
22. Develop a solid regional medical center and quality schools
23. More grants
24. Improve airline services
25. Enhance school buildings and surrounding areas
26. Expand knowledge about I-15 and I-90 intersection
27. Make Butte a tourist destination
28. Develop stability with existing structure and business base
29. Develop better representation of Butte through marketing
30. Capitalize and market outdoor recreation in Southwest Montana
31. Unified marketing
32. Safe community and region in regard to crime
33. Support heavy industry

## **FEARS**

1. Uncontrolled growth in the future
2. Lack of housing
3. Too much environmental influence
4. Further deterioration of neighborhoods due to lack of gainful employment
5. Current status of airline services
6. In-fighting and lack of direction
7. Ability to retain existing businesses
8. Losing our cultural heritage
9. Lack of livable wages
10. Allowing outside economic forces guide us in a direction we don't want to go
11. Marketing locally before marketing outside of Butte
12. Insufficient capital and equity
13. Fear of roadblocks preventing us from moving forward
14. Affordability
15. Lack of commitment from locals to move this community forward
16. Lack of unified effort to move forward
17. Fear of personal attacks when moving forward
18. Fear of outside perception of our community
19. Don't be afraid to challenge the media
20. Continued lack of funding for educational system
21. Better support of our teachers, coaches, and school personnel
22. New retail hurting existing retail
23. Fear that existing retail will fear growth
24. Retail leakage
25. Lack of opportunity for youth
26. Decline in value of mineral and natural resources
27. Fear of declining enrollment
28. Fear of outside perception of the Berkeley Pit
29. Inability of locals to understand outside perceptions
30. Chicken vs. egg syndrome: what happened first?
31. Lack of strong basic industries
32. One major power center
33. Lack of community business plan
34. Lack of timeline for marketing assets
35. Possible loss of jobs through NorthWestern Energy
36. Lack of family presence at community meetings